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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: SWAPO DENIES INVASION PLAN

1. SWAPO INFORMATION SECRETARY PETER KATJAVIVI ISSUED A STATEMENT MARCH 27 IN LUSAKA REGARDING THE ALLEGED "INVASION" PLAN RELEASED BY SOUTH AFRICA. THE STATEMENT CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THE VERACITY OF THE

PLAN AND CHARGES THAT IT IS PART OF A SOUTH AFRICAN SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST SWAPO. THE PROPAGANDA DRIVE IS AIMED AT DISCREDITING SWAPO IN THE EYES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND AT CAUSING CONFUSION AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF NAMIBIA.

2. THE STATEMENT CLAIMS, "THE ATTEMPTS AT SMEARING SWAPO, UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS LEADERSHIP, AND ITS PROGRAMS STARTED EARLIER WITH INSIDIOUS ATTEMPTS AT DESTROYING THE POLITICAL IMAGES OF SOME OF OUR LEADERS." ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT, THE SOUTH AFRICAN "SMEAR CAMPAIGN" WAS INITIATED WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT AT THE NEW YORK PROXIMITY TALKS THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PUSH THROUGH "AN ORCHESTRATED SETTLEMENT" IN THE TERRITORY. LOW

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